

## REMARKS

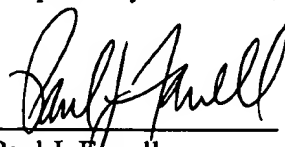
Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 29, 2004. Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are currently pending. As indicated above, Claims 7, 8, and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 7-8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Odenwalder et al.* (U.S. 6,173,007). However, as indicated above, Claims 7, 8, and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-2 and 4-5, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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